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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2542

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Yasumasa Sasaki et al.) Group Art Unit: 2645
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Serial No.: 09/811,621) Examiner: Escalante, Ovidio
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Filed: March 20, 2001)
) Confirmation No.: 9518
For: EXCHANGE SYSTEM,)
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE)
APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER)
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office communication mailed May 05, 2004, the period for response to which extends through June 7, 2004 (June 5 being a Saturday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-5 and 22-26 (Group I); claims 6-21 (Group II); and claims 27-29 (Group III). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-5 and 22-26, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an exchange system, classified in class 379, subclass 219.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 4, 2004

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